

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION

CARRIE LANE ROBINSON,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
vs.	)	Case No. 4:09CV1808 CDP
	)	
HAZELWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

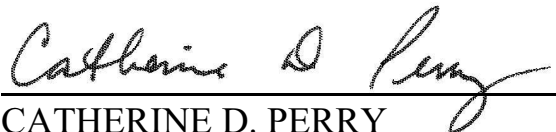
Plaintiff has filed a motion to appoint counsel. Because I believe that plaintiff is able to effectively manage her own case and follow the directives set out in the case management order, I will deny her request for appointed counsel.

There is no constitutional or statutory right to appointed counsel in civil cases. *Nelson v. Redfield Lithograph Printing*, 728 F.2d 1003, 1004 (8th Cir. 1984). In determining whether to appoint counsel, the Court considers several factors, including (1) whether the plaintiff has presented non-frivolous allegations supporting his or her prayer for relief; (2) whether the plaintiff will substantially benefit from the appointment of counsel; (3) whether there is a need to further investigate and present the facts related to plaintiff's allegations; and (4) whether the factual and legal issues presented by the action are complex. *See Johnson v. Williams*, 788 F.2d 1319, 1322-23 (8th Cir. 1986); *Nelson*, 728 F.2d at 1005.

After considering these factors, I find that they weigh against the appointment of counsel at this time.

Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that plaintiff's motion for appointment of counsel [#4] is DENIED.

  
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CATHERINE D. PERRY  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated this 13th day of January, 2010.